Chapter 16: Rescue - Part 2

PROBABLY... I THINK WE'RE SAFE NOW.

WE SAFE ...?

ARE ...

THAT'S NOT THE ONLY REASON.

DID THEY... RUN AWAY BECAUSE THEY DON'T LIKE SMOKE?

WE'RE SAFE !!

THE SMOKE FROM AN AKAMATSU IS A REPELLENT ?

THEY WERE DROVE AWAY BECAUSE THE SMOKE FROM THE ROOT OF AN AKAMATSU IS A REPEL-LENT,

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THE FAT DISINTEGRATES, THEN IT IS BREATHED INTO THEIR SPIRACLES AND STUCK TO THEIR FEELERS, SO THEY RUN AWAY.

IN PARTICULAR, A LARGE QUANTITY OF FAT IS INCLUDED IN THE SMOKE.

A LOT OF INGREDIENTS THAT INSECTS HATE ARE INCLUDED IN AKAMATSU INCENSE.

HEY, BUG GIRL!

THE ROOTS OF AKAMATSU HAVE BEEN USED FOR BON FESTIVAL GREETING FIRES AND CEREMONIAL BONFIRES SINCE THE OLD DAYS.

IN MOSQUITO-REPELLENT INCENSE, INSECTI-CIDAL AND FAT INGREDIENTS ARE INCLUDED.

IT EFFICIENTLY SENDS AWAY UNPLEASANT INSECTS AND KILLS THEM.

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WASN'T THIS PLACE SUPPOSED TO BE A SAFETY ZONE!?

TCH.

THE SAFETY ZONE WAS ONLY ESTABLISHED AFTER I SET UP AND LIGHTED THE INCENSE STICKS CONTAINING THE AKAMATSU ROOT IN THE SHRINE.

IT WASN'T SAFE UNTIL MUTSUMI AND I GOT HERE.

WHAT-EVER.

THEN THEY'D BE IN DANGER AS LONG AS THEY WERE HERE ...

IF THEY DIDN'T LIGHT ANY INCENSE OR HAVE ANY AKAMATSU SMOKE,

WAS THIS PLACE REALLY A SAFETY ZONE?

AND CLUSTER AMARYLLIS THAT CONTAINED CHRYSANTHE-MUM AND POISON WITH INSECTICIDE EFFECTS WERE OFTEN PLANTED.

ORIGINALLY, INCENSE STICKS AND INCENSE WERE USED FOR FUNERAL SERVICES IN SHRINES.

IF YOU USED THEM, THEN SMALL ANIMALS AND INSECTS WOULD NOT COME NEAR THE BODY.

IT IS A CUSTOM TO COVER THIS SMOKE AND FIREWOOD SALT ON THE BODY...

AND THEN THEY USED AKAMATSU ROOTS FOR BON FESTIVAL GREETING FIRES AND CEREMONIAL BONFIRES.

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IT HAS NO CONNECTION TO REAL LIFE PEOPLE OR ORGANISATIONS.

IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, WHEN I PARTICIPATED IN A RURAL BON FESTIVAL,

THERE WERE MANY MOSQUITOES OUTSIDE

BUT THERE WEREN'T ANY INSIDE THE SHRINE AT ALL SINCE THE SMOKE OF THE INCENSE STICKS WAS EVERY-WHERE.

IT MAY BE MORE IMPRUDENT,

BUT SINCE IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO MAKE ALL THE OFFERINGS,

TREES PRODUCING FRUIT ARE OFTEN PLANTED.

I SEE. IT'S SO THAT IN PLACES LIKE THIS...

THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF THINGS AND FOOD THAT BUGS HATE, RIGHT?

DO NOT LET HER TRICK YOU AGAIN!

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EVEN TODAY,

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MANY OF OUR SCHOOL FRIENDS HAVE DIED!

BECAUSE WE HAVE LISTENED TO THE THINGS THAT MUTSUMI HAS HAD TO SAY SO FAR,

AND MISS MARIKA DIED BECAUSE OF ORIBE MUTSUMI !!!

EVERY-ONE, WHAT'S WRONG?

MISS MARI-KA'S DEAD!

WHY ARE YOU ALL SO QUIET!?

SHE LET THE CAPTAIN DIE! WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND!

WHAT WAS THAT!!?

SHE'S RIGHT, YOU KNOW...?

IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, IT WAS MUTSUMI'S RESPONSI-BILITY.

MUTSUMI MAY HAVE HAD A STRONG OPINION...

BUT NOT ALL OF US HONESTLY AGREED WITH MUTSUMI'S OPINION...

BUT, RIGHT NOW, WE ALL NEED TO COMBINE OUR STRENGTH TO SURVIVE.

AND ALL OUR RE-SPON-SIBIL-ITY !!

SHUT UP, YOU CUNT !!

HEY NOW, I'M THE LEADER HERE.

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MY MISTAKE WAS LEAVING LEADER TO SOMEONE ELSE...

WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER AS FRIENDS.

SO, PLEASE, FOLLOW ME!

I WILL BEAR ALL RESPONS-IBILITIES!

COMING ON THE 3RD DAY, RIGHT?

TO BEGIN WITH, THE RESCUE TEAM IS

CHI-TOSE.

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I CAUGHT SIGHT OF THEM WHEN I WAS CLIMBING THE STAIRS.

HELP IS COM-ING!

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YUP.

COM-ING.

HELP IS...

PHEW.

UOOO OOO! AL-RIGHT !!

DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO GET DRESSED NOW?

YAY! WE'RE GOING HOME !

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1 HOUR LATER ...

KYAAA!

BE-CAUSE WE'VE GOT TO LET THEM KNOW WE'RE HERE!

BURN THE FIRE-WOOD MORE AND MORE !!!

ORA ORA !!!

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THEY BETTER FUCKING SAVE US.

THEY ARE JUST ON THEIR WAY.

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY'RE COMING.

IT'S QUITE A DISTANCE FROM A LANDING SPOT.

SHOULD WE WAIT, OR SHOULD WE GO TO THEM?

THEY'RE MOVING TOO SLOW...

YOU SCARED OR SOME-THING !?

WHY ARE WE STILL WALK-ING...!? WE'RE ALL TIRED AND EX-HAUSTED, YOU KNOW !!?

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BESIDES, SHE'LL THINK OF THE BEST PLAN FOR ALL OF US.

CHITOSE WILL DECIDE IF WE ARE TO GO TO THEM OR WAIT HERE.

IF WE LEAVE IN THE NIGHT, HELP MIGHT NOT COME. SO LET'S LEAVE TOMORROW MORNING.

IT WILL BE SAFE TO MOVE EARLY IN THE MORNING, BUT THERE ARE ATYPUS KARSCHI UNDER THE STAIR-CASE...

RIGHT ...

TO BEGIN WITH, INSECTS DON'T REALLY MOVE ALL THAT MUCH.

MUTSUMI... TELL US ANYTHING IMPORTANT BEFORE WE MOVE.

THEREFORE, I SUGGEST MOVING AFTER WE HAVE ALL RESTED AND SECURED VISIBILITY.

TO ADD ON THAT, MEAT EATING BUGS SHOULD BE GATHERING SOON.

AND THEN THERE'S MISS MARIKA'S BODY.

YES. BUT...

SINCE THERE IS SMOKE HERE, THEY WILL NOT AP-PROACH.

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THERE ARE BUGS BE-NEATH US?

SINCE BUGS ARE SENSITIVE TO THE SMELL OF BLOOD, THEY WILL GATHER.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INJURIES, PLEASE WIPE AWAY ALL THE BLOOD.

ARE THERE ANY CUTS ON YOUR BODIES?

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EVERYONE, REST EASY AND BE READY FOR TOMOR-ROW.

EVEN IF WE DON'T BRING ANY FOOD, HELP WILL HAVE SOME.

SO, PLEASE, LIGHTEN THE BAGGAGE THAT YOU WILL BE CARRYING AS MUCH AS POSS-IBLE.

GIVEN THAT WE HAVE TORCHES, WE'LL BE ABLE TO MOVE QUICKLY ON THE PAVED ROAD.

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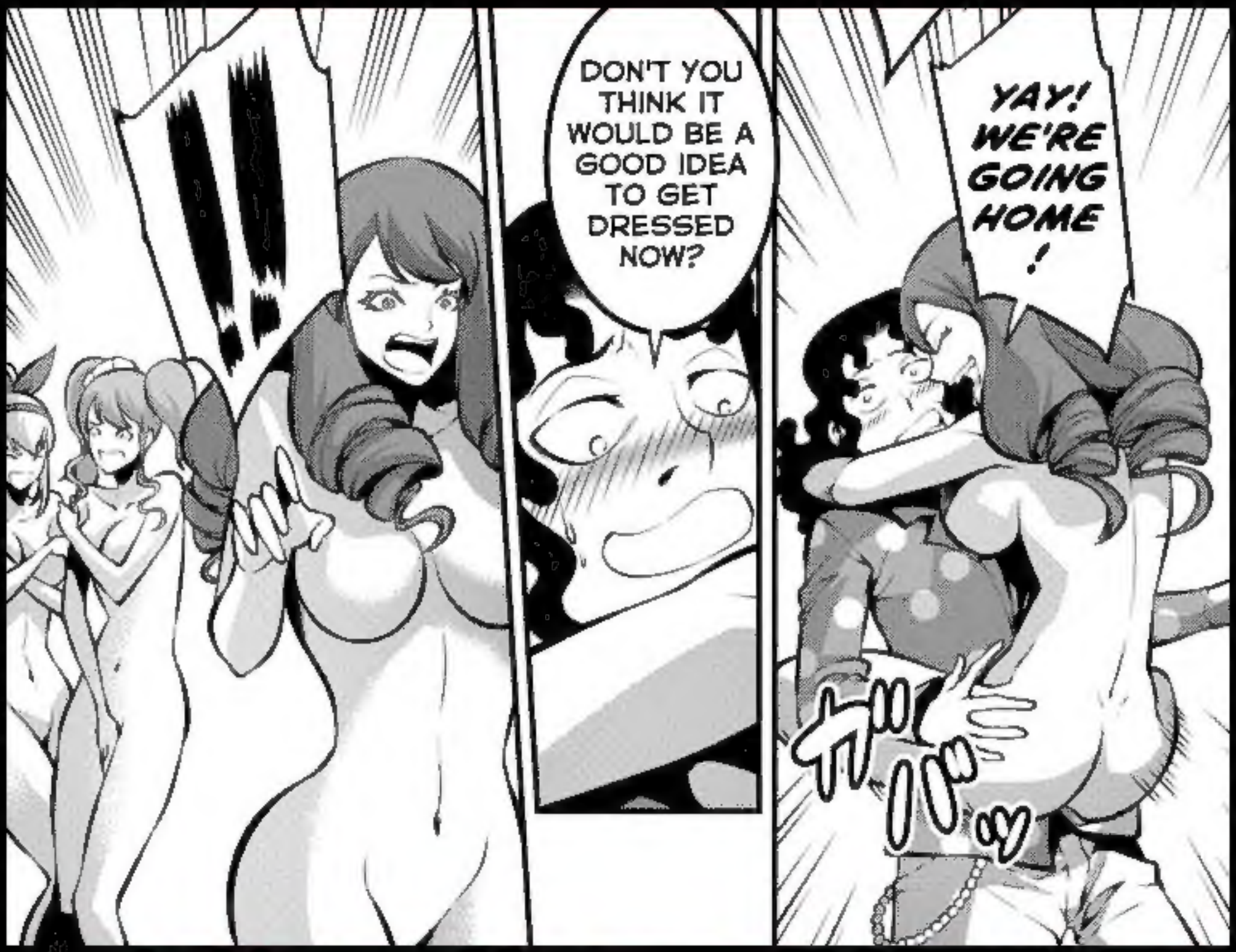
IT SEEMS THAT INSECTS ARE SENSITIVE TO THE SMELL OF BLOOD.

PLEASE, LEND ME YOUR HAND FOR MY REVENGE ...

TEACHER ...

MALICE HAS BEEN PLANTED IN MUT-SUMI'S BAG!!

See ya next time on Nude Colony Island



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